



# The Florida House of Representatives

## Office of the Speaker

Larry Cretul  
Speaker

October 7, 2009

The Honorable Bill Galvano, Chair  
The Florida House of Representatives  
Select Committee on Standards of Official Conduct  
418 The Capitol  
402 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1300

RE: Complaint 09-01 – Retention of Independent Counsel

Dear Chair Galvano:

I received your letter indicating that the Select Committee on Standards of Official Conduct voted to retain Melanie Hines as Independent Counsel.

In accordance with House Rule 16.2(e), I approve retention of Ms. Hines as Independent Counsel subject to formal execution of a contract for services.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry Cretul", is written over the printed name and title.

Larry Cretul  
Speaker